

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos

a. The Polish member seems to have maneuvered the ICC into including an inspection of Air America in a package inspection proposal which would go to the Laotian government for concurrence. The Indian chairman--"with tears in his eyes"--told Ambassador Unger on Saturday that withdrawing Air America from the package could well lead to the break-up of the ICC.

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2. Iraq

a. The new regime is in control and is talking of an early return to civilian government. Gunfire, however, continues.

b. The government is dominated by the socialist Baath Party. Five cabinet members were educated in American universities and one in London. The defense minister was military attache in Washington in 1957-58.

c. The cabinet includes several Kurds, and Mulla Mustafa Al-Barzani has chimed in with a message of support. A greater measure of Kurdish autonomy may be in sight and with it the end of the Kurdish rebellion. Baghdad has ordered the release from prison of "Kurdish detainees" along with all other "non-Communist" detainees.

d. Communist demonstrations have so far been crushed by the military

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e. Moscow and Peiping in their news treatment of the revolt have carefully restricted themselves to factual reporting.

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f. On Sunday the US Embassy in Baghdad, in reporting that the city was relatively calm except for sporadic shooting during the roundup of Communists, noted that "Communist embassies are evidently frightened, with women and children concentrated in the compounds."

g. Arab countries have raced to recognize the government. Iraq's neighbors are nonetheless still extremely nervous over possible repercussions on their own internal security and their forces are still alerted. Hussein is concerned over Cairo's "Voice of the Arab Nation" broadcasts calling for revolts in Jordan and Syria and there have been further pro-Nasir demonstrations in Syria, where the situation has been restless for some weeks.

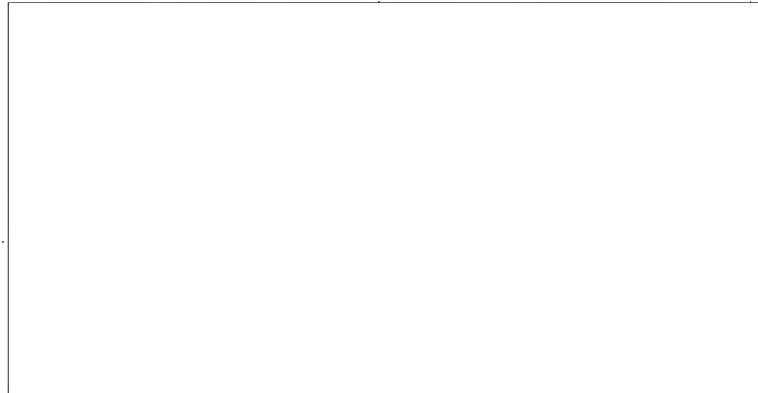
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[redacted] Cairo's clandestine radio, however, has jumped in to call for the "killing of Communists," with "no mercy for a Red, an Englishman or any other agent." [redacted]

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the arms of Nasirism" but that the "Nasirites" are "busily" trying to exploit the situation.



3. Cuba

a. Analysis so far of the photos of the KHIMIK ZELINSKY suggests that neither combat aircraft nor strategic missiles were in its cargo.

b. However, there seems to be little question that military support items for Soviet and Cuban forces were unloaded, including at least some 130 jeep-like vehicles. Some have apparently been convoyed to a camp two miles from Torrens, a major Soviet headquarters area near Havana.

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d. Our first look at low-level photography of the construction on Cayo Frances was inconclusive.

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4. Kashmir

a. The Indians and the Pakistanis have "exchanged lines" for a partition proposal. They are still far, far apart, but at least were talking with map in hand.

b. The third round has adjourned, with the fourth scheduled for 9-12 March, in Calcutta.

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b. [redacted] although military morale is at an all-time low, they are "more powerful militarily" than Duvalier's civilian militia.

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6. Indonesia-Borneo

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b. A Czech domestic broadcast last week noted that a Czech youth group had invited him to study at Prague's foreign university.

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- B. USSR - Communist China Yesterday Pravda wound up a one and one half page article by saying that if "some party" (i.e., China) "displays an interest in a bilateral meeting, our party is ready" for it "at any level and at any time." We see this as yet another Moscow maneuver to place the blame on Peiping for the dispute and to paint itself as the champion of unity. The balance of the article indicated no change in the dispute. The Chinese have made any restoration of unity conditional on abandonment of the rapprochement with Yugoslavia and the Soviets make clear they will have none of it.

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G. Congo Some of those missing Bank of Katanga funds may be in Angola. Several mercenary pilots interned there have been "singing" to the US Consulate General. They say that "one Sunday morning" (presumably recently) one of Tshombe's DC-3s in Angola flew into Katanga and returned with "57 boxes" of gold. It is now being held in Luanda--presumably by the Portuguese.

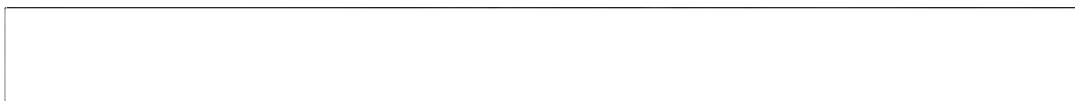
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LATE NOTE

Iraq Press reports of heavy fighting in Basra appear to originate from sources in Iran. We so far have no confirmation from the area itself.

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